Centrally sponsored scheme for sports in Andhra Pradesh

1172. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a)whether any Centrally sponsored scheme is on for sports activities in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated during last year in these schemes in the State and amount proposed to be allocated during the remaining period of the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(d) the details of amount proposed to be spent on construction of stadiums, sports complexes, play-grounds, etc. for the promotion of sports activities in the next three years, State-wise; and

(e) the details of amount sanctioned and spent during the last year for the same in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR) (a) to (d) There is no State specific Centrally Sponsored Scheme run by the Ministry. Till 31.3.2005, the Ministry was supplementing the efforts of the State Governments for creation of sports facilities *viz.* sports complex, stadia, swimming pool, development of playfield, purchase of sports equipments etc. by providing Central assistance under the Centrally Sponsored "Sports Infrastructure Scheme" in accordance with the approved pattern, subject to the receipt of viable proposals from the State Governments. Government, however, decided to transfer the Sports Infrastructure Scheme to the State sector *w.e.f.* 1.4.2005. Thus, fresh cases of Sports Infrastructure projects will have to be funded by State Governments out of their own resources. All State Governments were informed accordingly in February, 2005. However, the Planning Commission has indicated that funds to the extent of committed liabilities will be provided for ongoing approved Sports Infrastructure Projects during the remaining period of the X Plan only *i.e.* upto 2006-07.

(e) No State-wise funds were allocated under the erstwhile Sports Infrastructure Schemes, and Central assistance was provided depending upon the receipt of the viable proposals from the State Governments. Details of funds released to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last financial year 2005-06 and this year 2006-07 (till 31.7.2006) under the Schemes of

"Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure" and "Promotion of Sports in Universities & Colleges" have been given below:

(Rs in lakhs)

SI No	Project	Amount released
2005-06		
1	Indoor Stadium at GMC Balyogi Stadium Amlapuram, Godavari	4500
2	Indoor Stadium at Dharma Apparao College Nazvid, Krishna Distt	5.00
2006-07 (Till date i.e. 31.7.2006)		
3	Indoor Stadium at Anantpur Swimming Pool	18.00
4	at Warrangal Swimming Pool at Vizianagaram	5.32
5		25.00

India's poor ranking in football

†1173. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Football team ranking has sliped to 130th position in the ranking released by Federation of International Football Association;

(b) if so, whether any action plan has been prepared to improve the standard of sports particularly football in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the amount allocated by Government during the last three years to improve the standard of football; and

(e) the details of expenditure incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The development of sports and scouting and nurturing of talent in various sports disciplines including preparation of sportspersons

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